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UNCLAS GENEVA 5833

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TAGS: UNCTAD, ETRN

SUBJECT: UNCTAD: TDB XIV: UNCTAD-ITEM 13(F) CONTAINER STANDARDS

FOLLOWING AGREED TEXT OF DECISION ON CONTAINER STANDARDS  
FOR INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT. DECISION EXPECTED  
TO BE ADOPTED AFTERNOON PLENARY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

BEGIN TEXT:

DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF CONTACT GROUP  
THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD DECIDES TO REQUEST  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO:

1. (A) SET UP AN EXPERT GROUP WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF 12  
EXPERTS NAMED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THEIR PERSONAL  
CAPACITY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRINCIPLE OF GEOGRAPHICAL  
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DISTRIBUTION AND REFLECTING THE FACT THAT INLAND TRANS-

PORT AND AIR TRANSPORT AS WELL AS OCEAN TRANSPORT INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED.

(B) THE EXPERT GROUP WOULD MEET IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1976 AND PREPARE A REPORT WITHIN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE GIVEN IN DECISION 6 (LVI) OF ECOSOC. THE EXPERT GROUP MIGHT WISH TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE BY THE ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH (2) BELOW.

2. ENLIST THE CO-OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE REGIONAL BODIES, AND OTHER INTERESTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION (ISO), THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) AND THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO).

3. ESTABLISH AN AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP, FOLLOWING THE PATTERN OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP ON A CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT, WHICH SHOULD MEET TOWARDS THE END OF 1976, AND WITH THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS RECOMMENDED BY ECOSOC, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUP AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (2) ABOVE.

4. PLACE BEFORE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (2) ABOVE IN THEIR ORIGINAL LANGUAGE TOGETHER WITH PRECIS IN ALL WORKING LANGUAGES.

5. REQUEST THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP, ACCORDINGLY, TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT DIRECTLY TO ECOSOC AT ITS 63RD SESSION.

6. INFORM ECOSOC AT ITS 58TH SESSION OF THE DECISION SET OUT ABOVE. END TEXT.  
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FOLLOWING ADOPTION, IT WAS AGREED CHAIRMAN OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I WOULD MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT:

FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF DECISION...CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM 13(F) ON CONTAINER STANDARDS FOR INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT, I SHOULD

LIKE TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON SOME ELEMENTS OF THAT DECISION.

WE ARE ALL AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE EXPERT GROUP AND BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE EXPERT GROUP CAN UNDERTAKE ITS WORK AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE, IT IS I BELIEVE THE COMMITTEE'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXPERT GROUP, WOULD CONSULT GROUP COORDINATORS ON ITS COMPOSITION. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MIGHT AT THE SAME TIME WISH TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS THE COMMITTEE'S VIEW THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD WOULD REQUEST THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THE BOARD'S DECISION TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE AS BRIEF AND SUCCINCT AS POSSIBLE GIVEN THE COSTS INVOLVED IN REPRODUCING THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS WHERE NECESSARY, AND IN PREPARING PRECIS OF THEM IN ALL WORKING LANGUAGES. END TEXTDALE  
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